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SUBJ: FISHERIES: ICNAF

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1. I PRESENTED THE SECRETARY'S LETTER (REF A) AUGUST 31 TO
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FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER V.V. KUZNETSOV FOR ONWARD TRANSMITTAL TO FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO. AFTER KUZNETSOV HAD READ THE LETTER, I STRESSED THAT THIS MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO GROMYKO UNDERLINED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE USG VIEWS THE CONTINUED DEPLETION FISH STOCKS IN NORTHWEST ATLANTIC. QUOTING FROM THE LETTER THE STATISTICS ON THE DECLINE OF THE FINFISH POPULATION AND THE OVERFISHING ABOVE MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELDS, ARGUED THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN NOT JUST FOR THE U.S., BUT FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD IN VIEW OF WORLD DEPENDENCE ON FISH AS SOURCE OF PROTEIN, AND THAT USSR, THEREFORE, HAS EQUAL NATIONAL INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT EFFECTIVE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN THAT AREA BE ATTEMPTED BY ICNAF. EXPRESSING REGRET THAT THE JUNE ICNAF MEETING

MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION, I URGED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO SPECIAL OCTOBER MEETING CARRY INSTRUCTIONS THAT WILL SECURE A SOLUTION TO THIS CRISIS.

2. KUZNETSOV REPLIED THAT USSR RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS ARE "VERY CAREFUL" TO OBEY ALL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, AND THAT THE USSR IN THE PAST HAS WORKED WELL WITH US, CANADA, JAPAN ON FISHERIES MATTERS. OF COURSE, HE ADDED, USSR ALSO HAS "TO PROTECT ITS OWN INTERESTS, TOO." HE THEN STATED THAT, "NATURALLY," HE COULD NOT GIVE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S LETTER, BUT WOULD ENSURE THAT IT WAS BROUGHT TO GROMYKO'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. FINALLY, I MENTIONED THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP THIS QUESTION IN MORE DETAIL WITH SOVIET FISHERIES OFFICIALS AND WOULD ENCOURAGE THOSE OFFICIALS TO BRING SERIOUSNESS OF THIS MATTER TO ATTENTION OF GDR COLLEAGUES.

4. ALSO ATTENDING MEETING WERE V.G. KOMPLEKTOV AND I.A. KUZNETSOV OF USA DIVISION OF MFA.
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